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For: USE OF SELECTIVE OPIATE RECEPTOR

MODULATORS IN THE TREATMENT OF

NEUROPATHY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Examiner: B. Baek

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 24, 2008, for which a response is due on May 24, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 14 and 19-23, drawn to a method of using a composition for the prophylaxis and/or the treatment of neuropathy and related disorders, for continued examination, without traverse. Consideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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